

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings submitted with the 371 application are labeled "Figur 1", etc., rather than "Fig. 1", etc. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 13-18, & 23-26 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not fairly teach or suggest the claimed subject matter. See Final Rejection mailed 13 Nov 2008 for detailed reasons for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW R. MILLIKIN whose telephone number is

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(571)270-1265. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 7:30-5 and 7:30-4
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Elvin Enad can be reached on 571-272-1990. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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